



Aquifer Exemptions Process

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Hi George,

I tried to call you but learned you're out today, so I've included Michele in this email.

Just a few quick question about the AE process. An operator wants to know this and I'd like to put something out in our website as well regarding timelines for AE applications approval/disapproval.

I've take the data below from the guidelines you have sent me earlier.

Please correct me if I'm mistaken below:

- For Minor aquifer exemption – EPA region 9 has 45 days to approve or deny an AE application. The countdown for the 45 day deadline begins when the Regional Office receives the application from the State Program Director (DOGGR). If the EPA does not take action within the 45 day period, the exemption is deemed approved.

Question: Is EPA going to take care of the Public Notification process?

For major aquifer exemptions, can you please brief me on what the timelines are? I could not clearly get it from the guidelines.

Thanks very much.

Jerry